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DELAY IN ACQUISITION OF LOW LEVEL RADARS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been delay in the acquisition of low level radars to detect low flying enemy aircraft;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the fund utilization for upgradation of combat fleet and radar surveillance systems has been low;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) & (b): Induction of new radars, including low level radars, is a continuous process based on the requirement of the Air Force. Government has accorded approval for the acquisition of low level radars and the process of acquisition is at various stages of finalization.

(c) to (e): Funds are available for upgradation of the combat fleet and radar surveillance systems. Their utilization takes place as and when the upgradation schemes fructify on signing of the contracts.